

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
 - receiving a request to create a new bookmark for a document;
 - in response to receiving the request, determining whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document;
 - if [[a]] the reference bookmark for the document already exists, creating a bookmark symbolic link; and
 - linking the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark, wherein a new bookmark is not created.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving a name for the bookmark symbolic link.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving a description for the bookmark symbolic link.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of linking the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark comprises storing a pointer to the already existing reference bookmark in the bookmark symbolic link.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each bookmark includes a uniform resource locator for the document.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document comprises comparing the uniform resource locator of the bookmark to the uniform resource locator of each existing bookmark.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
if [[a]] the reference bookmark for the document already exists, prompting a user
whether to create the bookmark symbolic link.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of creating the
bookmark symbolic link comprises creating the bookmark symbolic link in response to a
user requests user's request to create the bookmark symbolic link.
9. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for creating symbolic
links to bookmarks, comprising:
receiving a request to create a bookmark symbolic link for a document to an
already existing reference bookmark;
in response to receiving the request, identifying [[a]] the already existing
reference bookmark;
creating the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing bookmark; and
linking the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark.
10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of identifying [[a]]
the already existing reference bookmark comprises:
presenting at least one existing bookmark;
receiving a selection of a reference bookmark from the at least one existing
bookmark;
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of presenting at least one
existing bookmark comprises presenting the at least one existing bookmark in a tree
structure.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of receiving a selection of a
reference bookmark comprises receiving the selection of the reference bookmark in the
tree structure.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
displaying a symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link in the tree structure.
14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein modifications to the reference bookmark are displayed in relation to the symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link in the tree structure.
15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein each bookmark includes a uniform resource locator for the document.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of identifying a reference bookmark comprises:
determining whether a bookmark already exists for the document.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of determining whether a bookmark already exists for the document comprises comparing the uniform resource locator of the bookmark to the uniform resource locator of each existing bookmark.
18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
if ~~[[a]]~~ the reference bookmark for the document already exists, prompting a user whether to create the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link.
19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of creating the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link comprises creating the bookmark link in response to the user requests user's request to create the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link.
20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of linking the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the reference bookmark comprises storing a pointer to the already existing reference bookmark in the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link.

21. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for creating a plurality of symbolic links to bookmark folders from a single reference bookmark folder, comprising:

receiving a request to create a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to an already existing reference bookmark folder;

in response to receiving the request, identifying [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark folder;

creating the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to the already existing bookmark folder; and

linking the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of identifying [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark folder comprises:

presenting at least one existing bookmark folder;

receiving a selection of a reference bookmark folder from the at least one existing bookmark folder;

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of presenting at least one existing bookmark folder comprises presenting the at least one existing bookmark folder in a tree structure.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of receiving a selection of a reference bookmark folder comprises receiving the selection of the reference bookmark folder in the tree structure.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

displaying a symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link in the tree structure.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein bookmarks added to the reference bookmark folder are displayed in relation to the symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link in the tree structure.
27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a name for the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link.
28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a description for the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link.
29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of linking the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder comprises storing a pointer to the reference bookmark folder in the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link.
30. (Currently amended) An apparatus for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
at least one existing bookmark; and
a bookmark editor that receives a request to create a new bookmark for a document, determines whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document within the at least one existing bookmark in response to receiving the request, creates a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link if [[a]] the reference bookmark for the document already exists, and links the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark, wherein a new bookmark is not created.
31. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the bookmark editor links the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark by storing a pointer to the already existing reference bookmark in the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link.
32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each bookmark includes a uniform resource locator for the document.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the bookmark editor determines whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document by comparing the uniform resource locator of the bookmark to the uniform resource locator of each existing bookmark.

34. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the bookmark editor prompts a user whether to create the bookmark symbolic link if [[a]] the reference bookmark for the document already exists.

35. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the bookmark editor creates the bookmark symbolic link in response to a user requests user's request to create the bookmark symbolic link.

36. (Currently amended) An apparatus for creating a plurality of symbolic links to bookmarks from from a single reference bookmark, comprising:

at least one existing bookmark; and

a bookmark editor that receives a request to create a bookmark symbolic link to an already existing reference bookmark, identifies [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark within the at least one existing bookmark in response to receiving the request, creates the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing bookmark, and links the bookmark symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark.

37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the bookmark editor identifies the already existing reference bookmark by presenting the at least one existing bookmark and receiving a selection of the reference bookmark from the at least one existing bookmark.

38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the bookmark editor presents the at least one existing bookmark in a tree structure.

39. (Original) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the bookmark editor receives the selection of the reference bookmark in the tree structure.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the bookmark editor displays a symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link in the tree structure.

41. (Currently amended) An apparatus for creating a plurality of symbolic links to bookmark folders from a single reference bookmark folder, comprising:

at least one existing bookmark folder; and

a bookmark editor that receives a request to create a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to an already existing reference bookmark folder, identifies [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark folder within the at least one existing bookmark folder in response to receiving the request, creates the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to the already existing bookmark folder, and links the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder.

42. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the bookmark editor identifies the already existing reference bookmark folder by presenting the at least one existing bookmark folder and receiving a selection of the reference bookmark folder from the at least one existing bookmark folder.

43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the bookmark editor presents the at least one existing bookmark folder in a tree structure.

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the bookmark editor receives the selection of the reference bookmark folder in the tree structure.

45. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the bookmark editor displays a symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link in the tree structure.

46. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein bookmarks added to the reference bookmark folder are displayed in relation to the symbolic representation of the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link in the tree structure.

47. (Currently amended) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
instructions for receiving a request to create a new bookmark for a document;
in response to receiving the request, instructions for determining whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document;
instructions for creating a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link if [[a]] the reference bookmark for the document already exists; and
instructions for linking the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark, wherein a new bookmark is not created.

48. (Currently amended) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
instructions for receiving a request to create a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link for a document to an already existing reference bookmark;
in response to receiving the request, instructions for identifying [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark;
instructions for creating the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the already existing bookmark; and
instructions for linking the ~~bookmark~~ symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark.

49. (Currently amended) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for creating a plurality of symbolic links to bookmark folders from a single reference bookmark folder, comprising:
instructions for receiving a request to create a ~~bookmark~~ symbolic folder link to an already existing reference bookmark folder;

in response to receiving the request, instructions for identifying [[a]] the already existing reference bookmark folder;

instructions for creating the bookmark symbolic folder link to the already existing bookmark folder; and

instructions for linking the bookmark symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder.